

## **REMARKS**

Claims 22-66 are pending in the Application. Claims 22-42 and 44-66 were rejected and claim 43 was objected to, in the Office action mailed February 21, 2008. By this amendment, claims 22-33, 41, and 43-66 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer and new claims 67-82 are added. Applicants hereby expressly reserve the right to re-file cancelled claims 22-33 and 43-66 in a later-filed continuing application. Claims 34, 67, and 75 are independent claims. Claims 35-40 and 42, claims 68-74, and claims 76-82 depend, respectively, from independent claims 34, 67, and 75.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of claims 34-40 and 42, and consideration of new claims 67-82, in view of the following remarks.

### **Amendments to the Specification**

Applicants have amended the Specification as shown above to include information about related applications. Applicants respectfully submit that these amendments do not add new matter.

### **Amendments to the Claims**

Applicants have amended claim 34 to include the limitations of dependent claims 41 and 43. Claim 43 was objected to in the Office action mailed February 21, 2008 and was deemed allowable by the Office, if amended to include the limitations of its base claim (34) and any intervening claims (41). Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added by this amendment, and that claim 34 as amended is allowable.

### **Rejections of Claims**

Claims 22-33 and 44-54 were objected to due to informalities. Claims 22-33 and 55-66 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Claims 22-27 and 55-60 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Campbell et al. (US 5,499,287,

hereinafter "Campbell"). Claims 34-41 were rejected as being unpatentable over Campbell in view of Lautenschlager et al. (US 20030174695, hereinafter "Lautenschlager"). Claim 42 was rejected as being unpatentable over Campbell in view of Lautenschlager, and further in view of Schiffman (US 3,786,195). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections, and submit that the objections and rejections of the instant Office action have been obviated by the amendment of claim 34, and the cancellations of claims 22-33, 41, 43, and 44-66, and respectfully request that the objection to claim 43, and the rejections of claims 22-42 and 44-66 be reconsidered and withdrawn.

### **Newly Added Claims**

New claims 67-82 have been added. Applicants respectfully submit that new claims 67-82 are similar in many respects to claims 34-42, which have been deemed allowable. Therefore, Applicants believe that new claims 67-82 are also allowable, for at least the same reasons. Applicants respectfully submit that new claims 67-82 do not add new matter.

### **Conclusions**

In general, the Office Action makes various statements regarding the claims and the cited references that are now moot in light of the above. Thus, Applicants will not address such statements at the present time. However, Applicants expressly reserve the right to challenge such statements in the future should the need arise (e.g., if such statements should become relevant by appearing in a rejection of any current or future claim).

Applicants believe that all of pending claims 34-40, 42, and 67-82 are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner disagree or have any questions regarding this submission, the Applicants invite the Examiner to telephone the undersigned at (312) 775-8000.

A Notice of Allowability is courteously solicited.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees required by this submission to the Deposit Account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd., Account No. 13-0017.

Respectfully submitted,

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